

OPEN DOG SUMMATION AND GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE SHOW

Judge : Mrs Joylene Neddermeyer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia and its President Mr John DeLucia, and the Show Committee for their time and effort in ensuring that the weekend was a great success. Of course the assistance in the ring by the stenographers and stewards is very much appreciated by all Judges and at times the weather conditions made their job very difficult.

In my ring, I would like to particularly record my appreciation to Mrs Louisa Rodger, Mrs Jean Butterfield and Mrs Jo Edwards. Even during hail, rain, tents collapsing and wind gusts nearly equal to Cyclone Tracey, they dealt with everything with a minimum of fuss. Thank you once again, well done. I hope that you enjoyed your time in the ring.

The Main Breed Show or Main Breed Evaluation as it is now named, was held for the first time in October 1987. The initial idea of the Main Breed Show belonged to Mr Lou Donald, President, GSDCA and Mr Max Stokes, National Breed Commission Chairman. They convinced the Executive of that area, that it was the right time to introduce such an event. They believed that there was a genuine desire by breeders to have a major show that recognised the real breed worth of exhibits and an increasing desire by breeders for clear and concise breed direction and advice from those in authority. Thus the Main Breed Evaluation evolved.

This is the only event in Australia where the grading of Excellent Select is awarded. This grading is awarded to the group of males and females that the Open Class Judges assess as being the best specimens of the breed at the current time and not only are very well constructed but are promoted for their bloodlines and of course most importantly are presented in top condition and perform to the best of their ability at the show.

I would say to the non-supporters of this show, that take a while to consider the concept and ideals of the event. I believe that the information that has been collated over the past twenty years to record the positives and negatives of the breed at any one particular time has been invaluable and is one of the reasons why the breed has been improved so dramatically over the past twenty years.

The MBE in conjunction with the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme identifies the areas that require improvement, as well as the positives within the breed and Breed Surveyors should give clear direction to the breeders in regards to advice for their future breeding program.

A number of comments were made prior to the Show from my peers that the winner of the Open Dog Class was not clear-cut. Most likely that was fair comment and I must say I was very glad that I had the opportunity to travel to a number of major shows around Australia during the year. This gave me a clear insight into the dogs that have been successful throughout the year but more importantly to see the progeny presented in each State. I do feel that it is imperative for the Judge of the Open Dog Class in any year to ensure that information is collected from all states of Australia. It should be noted that I considered progeny statistics for hips and elbows in my final placings.

Due to the success of the German bloodline lecture I decided to re-introduce a summation at the completion of judging of the Open Dog Class this year. While it was a huge amount of work in the week prior to the show I believe it was a great success.

While I appreciate that everyone is tired and some have to start their journey home I was very pleased with the number of people that stayed to listen to the presentation. I believe that this is an integral part of the MBE while everything is fresh in people's mind and it was a great way to finish the weekend.

I still need to complete the presentation, updating some of the final comments and I hope that it will be available on the GSDCA Website in the near future.

As I stated at the presentation, the Excellent Select males should be considered as a group. It is my opinion that the group of nine males if used within our breeding program will ensure that the German Shepherd Dog in Australia improves in both body and mind.

It was interesting to note that this year that half of the entries were imported males, which has not happened before. Since taking over the position of National Breed Commission Chairman in 2001 I have been amazed by the number of both males and females that have been imported into Australia. In fact, in the Excellent Select group this year there were five imported animals and four locally bred animals.

I have been critical in the past that the animals being imported have not come from current bloodlines in Germany. I am pleased to report that this has changed over the past three years or so, and we have seen males imported into Australia that are representative of the current bloodlines and more importantly producing bloodlines in Germany.

I do advise that breeders wishing to import animals should still travel to Germany to see the animal for themselves. In reality an airfare is a minor expense in the total scheme of things.

Not all dogs that come into the country make their mark but as a fraternity we are very fortunate, that since the lifting of the importation ban some thirty five years ago we have had an incredible number of people prepared to import animals into this country, hoping that they will contribute to the improvement of the breed. I would like to personally thank all the breeders that have undertaken this exercise which may not have always be a financial success and has lead to disappointment.

At the recent National Breed Commission Meeting there was discussion on a number of issues affecting the breed currently, which breeders need to address in their future breeding program.

This discussion started with the National Breed Commission Chairman giving a brief overview of the current trends in Germany and if these trends are evident in Australia.

She pointed out that the SV have a new Breed Commission Chairman with strong ideas in addressing some problem areas relevant to the German Shepherd Dog. German SV judges have been given very clear instructions as to what they should be looking for and what they should be penalising wherever and whenever they judge.

This directive had become apparent at recent shows in Victoria, South Australia and Queensland, which have been judged by German Judges.

Loose Hock Joints.

Special attention is being paid to looseness of hock joints. Comments being made by the judges in the summary on the pegs after penalising animals with loose hock joints two to three places with the comments made "unfortunately the hock joints should be firmer and cannot today be a winner." In Germany it was evident that the number of animals with deep hindquarter angulation has increased, which means that the number of animals with loose hock joints has also increased. This will not only be evident in Germany but is an area that all judges and surveyors should be aware of in Australia. I am pleased to report that the Excellent Select males showed very good sequence of steps with very good firmness of joints and I believe this should be reflected in their progeny.

Substance

Some German Judges have expressed concern that a number of our young puppies could be slightly more substantial overall. It was

felt that some of our young animals are kept a little lean. I did feel that this was evident in some of the young classes at the MBE however at the other end of the scale animals were presented in too heavy a condition. This is an area that needs to be watched by breeders to ensure that animals are presented, the correct weight for their age.

View from Front

Judges are expected to ensure that the view from the front is absolutely correct. In Queensland there were quite a number of animals commented on "stands not quite straight in front." This problem is very hard to remove once it gets into a kennel, so again, judges and surveyors need to be mindful of the problem. In the past we have had a number of sires that produced this problem in their progeny. Recently this has not been the case, however it is still an area to consider in your future breeding program.

Underjaw – teeth

After the past year a number of Judges have commented on underdeveloped teeth stemming from the narrow lower jaws. The narrow lower jaw creates a problem where the incisors grow incorrectly. Again, all judges and surveyors should be aware of this, both at shows and survey, it is their responsibility to record any such findings. The NBC Executive has been commenting over recent times in the Sires Progeny Class the concern of the number of animals where the lower jaw should be stronger. In my critiques I have commented in some animals, the need for care to be exercised in this area.

Eyes

While eye colour does not seem a major problem in the Open Class, in the younger classes many comments were made that the eye colour should be darker. There appears to be an increasing mixture of eye colour in our breeding animals. This is currently an area of consideration when selecting a future breeding partner.

Forequarter Angulation

This still remains a problem throughout the breed not only in Australia but to be perfectly frank right around the world. The short and steep upper arm should be recognised as a major problem in the German Shepherd Dog. In addition breeders should ensure that the angle and length of the shoulder blade is correct. A forward placed shoulder is a major fault in the German Shepherd Dog.

Croups

It has been recorded for a number of years that the croups are generally short or slightly short. In the young classes there appeared to be some improvement in this area in regards to length but a number of animals were critiqued as having restrictions in both the length and lay of the croup. Again, it should be noted whilst a judge could be a little more generous in the young classes, they must be more careful at survey and in the adult classes.

Colour

There is no concern in regards to colour in the group of Excellent Select Males and in the majority of the animals exhibited at the Show. Colour testing was introduced in Germany in 2006. While there has been a number of rumours relative to colouration of animals, even in Australia and I must add have only been rumours, and they have not been any real evidence to support these claims. This maybe an area that the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia can investigate in the future.

Short lower chests

This has been mentioned a number of times during the progeny group over the past few years. There are a number of bloodlines that contribute to this as far back as 1993. All judges and surveyors need to be aware of the problem and be conscious of addressing it at shows and at survey. I am pleased to say that a number of the Excellent Select animals have a very good length of lower chest and I hope that these animals will provide improvement in this area in the future. It should be remembered that this problem is ingrained in the majority of our breeding lines and it will take a long time to gain major improvement. Again this is an area that Breed Surveyors and Judges will be addressing in the future.

Size

There is no doubt that the major problem in the breed is size. In 2004 the Germans were starting to address size. In 2004 at the WUSV meeting they announced they would record all measurements starting from Puppy, and progressing upwards over the next few years. From 2007 all dogs have to be measured when exhibited and the measurement recorded in the critique and kept in a data base at the SV Office.

All SV judges have received a letter stating that as from 2007 they are now required to measure every animal and penalised accordingly if deemed to be outside the standard.

The Germans are now all measuring dogs in a very set fashion. That is, the dogs are made to stand with their feet correct, the owner must stand away from the dog and the judge merely rests the stick on the wither. There is no pressure on the stick whatsoever.

Size is unquestionably an issue and needs to be addressed in the coming years within the Breed Survey system. However what is the answer? It seems that everyone has an opinion from reducing the requirement of size, back to 65cms/60cms for Breed Survey Class 1 or changing the size requirements to an open ended scale or keeping the status quo.

There is no easy answer and you will see a number of my Excellent Select males and I would assume a number of the females in the Open Bitch Class stand on the upper limit of size.

People believe that the problem of size is a recent one. The size of various dogs has always been under question for the past thirty five years.

There was a lengthy discussion at the NBC meeting on how we were going to manage the size problem and how we can find a middle ground that is fair and equitable to everyone and at the same time not to lose sight of the overall construction of the animal. In fairness there is no quick fix to this problem and it is my opinion that we need to take small steps so not to throw the baby out with the bath water. **Promotion of animals that stands more correct in the standard is paramount.**

The responsibility lies with the Breed Surveyors that as a united unit will address the problem. It should be noted that there is a degree of responsibility from the breeders as well, to take some hard decisions on animals that are clearly well outside the standard and not include these animals in their breeding program This is required if any improvement is to be achieved.

Anyone considering importing an animal in the future to be aware not only of the animal's size but also be aware of the size of the animals featured right throughout the pedigree.

It is always easy to list the negatives and forget to talk about the improvement that has been achieved.

- Character and temperament. It is indeed very rare today when judging to comment in a negative fashion on the character and temperament of any animal. We should be very pleased that the vast majority of your animals at all times display good natured and even character. This was evident in the extreme weather conditions during the assessment of the Open Classes on Sunday morning. Not only was it raining, with hail but it in fact the dogs had to contend with gale force winds. In my Open Dog Class all of the animals coped with these adverse weather conditions in their stride and presented themselves without concern.
- Very good toplines with very good firmness of back ligamentation

- Very good movement with very good ground covering movement, strong hindquarter drive even though in some cases the forehand reach could be a little freer
- Colour and Pigmentation. Animals are generally well coloured and well pigmented. In some bloodlines ideally the masking should be more pronounced
- Improvement in a number of animals in the length of upper arm however should be still better angled
- Very good hindquarter angulation with very good breadth of thighs
- Improvement in the sequence of steps, majority of animals step correct both front and rear
- Overall construction and improvement of depth of quality throughout the class especially in the male classes.
- Improvement in overall type

The overall quality of the animals exhibited at the Main Breed Exhibition was very good and in all classes the depth of quality was impressive, even the young male classes. This has not been the case in previous years.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate my fellow Judges Mr Lou Donald, Mrs Fran Farley, Mrs Fay Stokes, Mrs Melanie Groth, Mrs Robyn Knuckey, Mrs Honey Gross Richardson and Mr Ian Urie. Their contribution and professionalism over the weekend ensured all exhibitors were given clear direction for the future. Well done everybody.

Finally I would like to thank the exhibitors, who gave me the opportunity to assess their animals. Judging the Open Dog Class at the 2007 MBE was the highlight of my judging career. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to judge and comment on such excellent specimens of the breed. I would like to congratulate the exhibitors in regards to the off lead exercise which was accomplished to a very high standard by all exhibits.

To the breeders throughout Australia, please consider carefully when selecting a prospective future breeding partner. Not every female in the kennel is suitable for the same sire, look at the pedigree to ensure that it is well constructed, consider the hip and elbow results and consider a type to type mating so to increase the degree of predictability of the resultant progeny. Do not be tempted to use the flavour of the month, the latest import, or be influenced by friendship, select the best animal for that particular bitch.

Thank you the behaviour of all of the competitors in the ring and I would like to congratulate the two young teenage handlers in my class. Well done to both Jessica and Page for the excellent handling of their animals. I wish you every success when handling animals in the future. We need to remember that these young people are the future of our hobby.

The individual virtues of the animals in the Open Dog Class have been detailed in each critique and I look forward to seeing the progeny of this group of Excellent Select males in the coming year.

For those breeders, for whatever reason, were not able to make the trip to Adelaide, I believe it was generally felt that you missed a great weekend, not only for the South Australian Club, the GSDCA but more importantly **the German Shepherd Dog**.

On behalf of the GSDCA Executive I would like to thank the hospitality extended to them over the weekend. Congratulations everyone.

Now to the 2006 Sieger: Sannjesa Crusty Demon or Banna to his friends:

EXCELLENT SELECT 1

***CH SANNJESA CRUSTY DEMON A Z** 11/02/04 3100130498

Sire: **Jasso vd Bimsgrube a Z (Imp Gmy) SZ 2014843 Dam: *Kronika Arni A Z 3100041576 Bdr: Mase S & Mrs S Exh: Shaw Mrs P*
Line breeding: Jeck Noricum (4-4) Yago Wildsteiger Land (5-5) 'Q' litter Arminius – Quando Quina (5-5)

42mths 65.0cm. A large, medium strong, beautifully coloured, well pigmented dog of very good and harmonious construction. Very good length of neck. High wither, firm back, and very good croup. The upper arm while of good length could be slightly better angled, very good hindquarter angulation with well developed thighs. Stands correct in front. Good fore and very good underchest development. Strong expressive head with very good masking, and very good eye colour. Ideally I would like to see the ears placed a little more correctly on the skull. The dog in 2006 was Excellent Select 4 and at the show over the weekend, his progeny has achieved many high placings. He presented an excellent progeny group which displayed very good uniformity and type. It was pleasing to note that the overall quality of the males was impressive and one could say at this stage that the males are more convincing than the females. During movement shows very good ground covering gait with strong hindquarter drive and free forehand reach. He is presented in an excellent, dry and firm condition. During the off lead gaiting the dogs shows a very effortless movement. Particularly noteworthy is his very carefree, self assured and easy going nature which is evident in his progeny. Crusty Demon is a dog well known to me and I have watched him developed throughout his show career and it is particularly pleasing to see him develop into such an excellent specimen of the breed. He is a son of Jasso Bimsgrube and his grandfather Scott Deodatus was graded Excellent Select in Germany. Scott Deodatus unfortunately died at an early age but still has made an impact on the breed in Germany, featuring in the pedigree of many significant animals in that country. In mother is a daughter of Iwan Lechtal (1998 Sieger) and carries Bedwins Siegaro through the mother line. Last year at the 2006 MBE in Newcastle I had the pleasure of judging his sister Sanjessa Copy Cat where she was placed Excellent Select 7. Sanjessa Crusty Demon should be considered for the improvement of colour and pigmentation, toplines, character and overall construction. Some care needs to be exercised in regards to the carriage of the ears and length of lower chest. Linebreeding on Bedwins Siegaro/Siegfreud is not recommended. He has had a very successful show career and it now appears that he will have an influence via his progeny on the breed here in Australia.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the owner on winning this prestige award. In will watch with interest the future development of the sire and progeny in the future.

Sometimes one does forget the breeder and I offer my congratulations to the breeder for producing two Excellent Select animals from this litter. Once again well done and congratulations on receiving this well deserved accolade.

EXCELLENT SELECT 2

***CH GIGOLO v ELZMÜNDUNGSRAUM 'a' normal ED Normal (Gmy) (Imp Gmy)**

24/12/01 SZ 2099759 Sire: **Wallace aus Agrigento a SZ 2017496 Dam: *Xantia v Elzmündungsraum a SZ 2041730 Bdr: Brauch R Exh: Collins SJ & Mrs C*

Linebreeding: Mark Haus Beck (4-5,5) Fedor Arminius (5-5)

GSDCA Hneg 1659 SV ZWHD 71 Released from quarantine September 2005.

69 mths 66cm. A very large, medium strong expressive beautifully coloured and well pigmented dog of very good type. Absolutely correct length and lay of neck. High wither, firm back, good lay of croup which could still be a little longer. The upper arm while of very good length could still be a little better angled, very good hind angulation with well developed thighs. Stands correct in front, with very good fore and underchest development. Still good head, with desired dark eye colour and very good masking. Steps correct both front and rear with very good firmness of hocks joints, the elbows should still be a little closer laid. During movement shows a very strong powerful expansive gait with strong hindquarter drive and free forehand reach with very good back transmission. Particularly noteworthy on this dog is his overall firmness and his free flowing effortless movement. He shows the same expansion off lead as on lead. The dog presents a picture of his parentage. He was a very well constructed pedigree with far above average parents from producing bloodlines. He has had a very good show career over the past 12 months and in addition to that at this show presented a progeny group of very

good quality. Excellent results for his progeny assessed through the GSDCA Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Control scheme which supports his very low breed worth score in Germany. As a son of Wallace Agrigento he has cemented the attributes of his bloodline especially with his progeny displaying absolute correct sequence of steps and very good firmness of both the hock joints and elbows. His mother Xantia Elzmundungsraum (Vice Siegerin 2002 Germany) displays the same effortless dynamic movement. It is my opinion that Gigolo stands in the type of his mother. Gigolo does stand at the maximum limit of size and it would appear that the majority of his progeny also stand on the upper limit. Care needs to be exercised in regards to size when selecting a breeding partner as well as the strength of foreface and lower jaw. Connections to the lines of Troy Noriswand, Nilson Wildsteiger Land, Hammer Waterkant and Orpheus Krauterwiese are not recommended. Connections to the lines of Iwan Lechtal and Aimsway Abacus could be advantageous. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the owners on winning the Vice Sieger title and I will watch with interest the further development of his progeny in the coming twelve months.

Both Sanjessa Crusty Demon and Gigolo Elzmundungsraum carry the sire line of Scott Deodatus and while there has been successful linebreeding in Germany on Scott Deodatus, some care would need to be exercised in regard to size.

EXCELLENT SELECT 3

***CH ORPHEUS vd KRÄUTERWIESE a normal ED normal (Gmy) (Imp Gmy) 06/03/01 SZ 2081259**

*Sire: *Vantor v Batu 'a' SZ 2021805 Dam: *Isi vd Kräuterwiese 'a' SZ 1961166 Bdr: Kuhn Dr W Exh: Jauncey/Scinocco/Alder/Van Helvoort*

Linebreeding: Amigo Belgier (4-3) Mark Haus Beck (5-4) Cello Romerau (5-5,5) Fedor Noriswand (5-4) 'O' Litter Batu Ora-Ossa (5-4) GSDCA H Neg cert 1863 SV ZWHD 78 Released from quarantine April 2005

78 mths 66cm A very large, strong, substantial expressive male of very good type. Good wither, firm back, well moulded croup which ideally could still be a fraction longer. Very good fore and hindquarter angulation. Pronounced fore and lower chest development. Stands correct in front, however ideally the pasterns should be a little firmer. Strong expressive masculine head with very good eye colour and very good ear carriage. Steps correct at rear and in front where the elbows should be closer laying. During movement shows very good ground covering powerful gait with strong hindquarter drive where the forehand reach could be a little freer. The dog impresses with his overall masculinity and substance. Being awarded the Excellent Select grading last year, this year he presented a very good progeny group of overall very good type which were very sire typical. During the off lead gaiting exercise he shows the same very good movement with a very good firm topline and very good carriage of the wither. The dog impresses with his excellent character and temperament and his very good masculinity. Care needs to be exercised in regards to size and his gold colour could be a little more intense. Excellent results for his progeny assessed through the GSDCA Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Control scheme which supports his very low breed worth score in Germany. Via his sire he carries the bloodline of Ursus Batu and typifies his bloodline through his strength, masculinity and size. His mother is a daughter of Iwan Lechtal which of course is a bloodline that needs no introduction in Australia. It should be noted that a daughter of Orpheus was Excellent 7 at the 2007 German Sieger Show in Braunschweig. Care needs to be exercised in regards to size and firmness of pasterns. Connections to the lines of Troy Noriswand, Nilson Wildsteiger Land, Hammer Waterkant and Gigolo Elzmundungsraum are not recommended. Connections to well coloured daughters of Denargun Brownd Off, or the bloodlines of Triumph Kazan and Lindendale Thunderbolt maybe advantageous. Congratulations to the owner for presenting Orpheus in very good condition for his age and I will watch with interest the further development of his progeny in the coming twelve months. Congratulations and well done on receiving the Excellent Select grading.

EXCELLENT SELECT 4

*** KWINT v JUERIKSTÄLL 'a' normal ED Normal Gmy (Imp Ndl) 04/04/04 NHSB 2501936**

*Sire: *Levis di Fossombrone a ED LOI 02/67092 Dam: *Perry v Arjakjo a ED NHSB 2267880 Bdr: Hofkamp JH Exh: Jones A & R/Pittelli S/Mindin R*

Linebreeding: 'J' litter Wienerau Joschy-Jello (4,5-5) Cello Romerau (5-5) 'F' litter Hirschel Fanto-Frei (5-5)

GSDCA Hneg Certificate 2934 SV HDZW 86 Released from quarantine August 2006

42 mths 64cm. A strong substantial dog of correct size and of very good harmonious construction. Good length of neck. Good wither, firm back, well moulded croup which ideally could just be a fraction longer. Very good angulations of both the fore and hindquarter. Well pigmented and well coloured with a very good masculine head with very good structure of both the skull and foreface. Very good ear carriage. Very good fore and underchest development. Particularly praiseworthy is the very good underline. Only released from quarantine in August 2006, he has presented a progeny group at this show and whilst they are very young, it is clearly evident the dog has some a substantial degree of producing ability. Steps correct at rear, the hock joints should remain a little firmer, correct in front with good firmness of elbows. During movement shows a very powerful, expansive gait with strong hindquarter drive and free forehand reach whilst retaining a very good topline. Particularly praiseworthy is his very good character and temperament. During movement the dog exhibits much joy in running.

Suitable for bitches requiring correction of size, improvement in the angulation of the forequarter, underline, overall construction and character. Connections to the lines of Troy Noriswand, Nilson Wilsteiger Land, Gigolo Elzmundungsraum and Orpheus Krauterwiese maybe advantageous. Some care to be exercised in regards to the firmness of hock joints. I will watch with interest the future development of this sire and his future progeny in the next 12 months. Congratulations and well done on receiving the Excellent Select grading.

EXCELLENT SELECT 5

*** AS du DOMAINE du Val d'AULNOY HD Normal ED Normal France (Imp Fr) 22/5/05 LOF 582753**

*Sire: *Zamp v Thermodos a SZ 2101021 Dam: Prissa du Domaine du Val d'Aulnoy Bdr: Dehedin Jean-Luc Exh: Lynch S, L & J/York P & K*

GSDCA Hneg Certificate 3032 Released from quarantine June 2007

27mths 65cm. A large, medium strong, expressive, well constructed dog of much harmony. Very good length of neck. Very good topline, very good croup. The upper arm is of a good length but ideally could be slightly better angled, very good hindquarter angulation. Stands correct in front with medium eye colour and a good head which fits his body and overall bone strength. The lower jaw could be a little stronger. Steps correct in rear with good firmness of hock joints, correct in front with good firmness of elbows. During movement shows very good ground covering gait with strong hindquarter drive and free forehand reach with very good back transmission

As is a son of Zamp Thermodos, (German Sieger 2006) this is the first time that this bloodline has been imported into this country. There is no question of the producing ability of Zamp Thermodos by his presentation of a very large and high quality progeny group at the past two Sieger shows in Germany. In addition Quantum Arminius, the sire of Zamp Thermodos has been able to present a very high quality group for the past three years in Germany. Released from quarantine in June 2007, the owners are to be commended for presenting such a lovely young dog so soon after coming out of quarantine. I will watch with interest the future development of this sire and his

future progeny in the next 12 months. The dog presented himself in a very good carefree calm and outgoing nature and shows much joy in running. It should be noted that the dog stands within the desired standard of size and is suitable for the improvement for overall firmness. Some care to be exercised in regards to strength of lower jaw and eye colour. Congratulations and well done on receiving the Excellent Select grading.

EXCELLENT SELECT 6

***MALTAKNIGHTS MASTER UNOX 'A' (2.1) 'Z' Grade One (0:1) Hneg 30/11/04 3100143153 GSDCA Hneg Certificate 3560**

*Sire: *Ch Unox v Aducht a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy) SZ 2081266 Dam: *Maltaknights The Deconess A Z 3100102417 Bdr: Exh Exh: Azzopardi C & F*

Linebreeding: Nil

35 mths 64.5cm. An above medium size medium strong slightly elongated dog of very good type. Very good length of neck. Good wither, firm back, well moulded croup which ideally could be just a fraction longer. The upper arm while of good length should be slightly better angled, very good hindquarter angulation. Stands correct in front, with very good head and expression. Ideally I would like to see the eye colour a fraction darker. Very good ear carriage. Balanced chest proportions. Steps correct both front and rear. During movement shows a very good ground covering gait with strong hindquarter drive and free forehand reach. Just at times I would like to see the ligamentation over the back a little firmer. Again the same movement was displayed during the off lead gaiting exercise as on lead. While a young dog he has had an impressive show career with many high placings at both National Shows and MBE. He is a son of Unox Aducht (Vice Sieger 2006) and is a very good representative of his sire line. His mother line carries Iwan Lechtal (Sieger 1998) Suitable for strong substantial well coloured bitches requiring improvement in overall construction and to consolidate type. Some care to be exercised with eye colour and masking. Particularly noteworthy is the fact that Master Unox and his sire Unox Aducht are of the correct size and it is hoped that this will be reflected in future progeny. Master Unox could be considered as a suitable breeding partner for daughters of Gigolo Elzmundungsraum that are of good strength.

I will watch with interest the further development of this sire and his future progeny in the coming twelve months. Congratulations and well done on receiving the Excellent Select grading.

EXCELLENT SELECT 7

***KARLOS vd WERTHER-MÜHLE 'a' normal ED Normal (Gmy) 12/05/03 SZ 2129480**

*Sire: *Erasmus v Noort a SZ 2060362 Dam: *Dolli vd Werther-Mühle a SZ 2012721 Bdr: Raab A Exh: Volscain Kennels*

Linebreeding: Jeck Noricum (5,5-4)

GSDCA Hneg Certificate 2478 SV HDZW 85 Released from quarantine September 2006

52 mths 66 cms. A very large, strong, expressive dog of very good type, colour and pigment. Slightly short neck. Good wither, firm back, slight restrictions in the length and lay of the croup. The upper arm is well angled but ideally could just be a fraction longer, very good hindquarter angulation. Good fore and very good underchest development. Stands correct in front. Very strong, expressive masculine head with desired dark eye colour, very good ear carriage. Steps correct at rear, correct in front with good firmness of hocks, the elbows could still be a little closer laid. During movement shows very good ground covering gait with strong hindquarter drive, the forehand reach could just be a little freer. Very good back transmission. The dog shows himself with much enthusiasm. The dog gave a very good off lead gaiting exercise. Over the weekend presented some highly placed progeny. He was released from quarantine at the end of September 2006, and he has been presented at a number of shows during the year with very good success. A litter brother was very highly placed at the 2005 and 2006 Sieger shows in the Open Dog Class. His father Erasmus Noort has been awarded the grading of Excellent Select in Germany and carries the bloodline of Yasko Farbenspiel (Dual Sieger Germany) and in addition his mother Dolli Werther Muhle has produced a number of highly placed and excellent graded animals. A well constructed pedigree with very good family members.

Karlos Werther Muhle is a dog that impresses with his colouration, pigmentation and masculinity but did start to tire by the end of the gaiting exercise. He presented himself in a firm and outgoing manner at all times.

Suitable for bitches, requiring improvement of type, colouration, pigmentation and character with care to be exercised in the area of the croup and size. Connections to the lines of Aimsway Abacus, Iwan Lechtal and Uras Trafalga maybe advantageous. I will watch with interest the further development of this sire and his future progeny in the coming twelve months. Congratulations and well done on receiving the Excellent Select grading.

EXCELLENT SELECT 8

***MIKE v ESTHERLAGER 'a' near normal ED Normal (Gmy) (Imp Ndl) 29/03/01 NHSB 2347723**

*Sire: *Orbit v Tronje a SZ 2037762 Dam: *Essie v Estherlager HD proven NHSB 2064451 Bdr: Brouwers JC Exh: Willis D & P*

Linebreeding: Fanto Hirschel (5-4) Eiko-Vopo Kirschtal (5-5,5,5) Odin Tannenmeise (5-5)

GSDCA Hneg Certificate 2733 DNA proven SV-HDZW 77 Released from quarantine December 2006

78mths 65.5cms. A very large, strong, expressive well proportioned male of very good type. High wither, slight dip behind, firm back, well moulded croup which could just be a fraction longer. Very good length of neck. High withers firm back and well laid croup. The upper arm while of good length could be slightly better angled, very good hindquarter angulation. Stands correct in front, with balanced chest proportions. Good head, good eye colour and good ear carriage. Steps correct both front and rear where the elbows ideally could be a little closer laid. The dog impresses with his very good type and very good construction. During movement shows a very good ground covering gait with strong hindquarter drive and free forehand reach and very good back transmission. He presented himself with a very firm and outgoing nature. I breed surveyed this dog in February 2007, and it is pleasing to see he has been able to settle down and adapt to Australian conditions. Particularly pleasing today was his excellent off lead gaiting exercise. He has received numerous Excellent gradings in Europe with his highest placing being Excellent 3 at the 2004 Sieger Show by Herr Eric Orschler.

While his progeny are still very young, it was pleasing to note that he was the sire was the Baby Puppy Bitch winner at this Show. Suitable for bitches requiring improvement in type, sex characteristics, overall construction and character. Combinations to the lines of Iwan Lechtal and Aimsway Abacus may be advantageous. Care should be exercised in regards to size and connections to the lines of Gigolo Elzmundungsraum or Orpheus Krauterwiese are not recommended. A dog that is reaching the twilight of his show career however I will watch with interest the development his future progeny in the coming twelve months. Congratulations and well done on receiving the Excellent Select grading.

EXCELLENT SELECT 9

***ANDACHT DON PEDRO 'A' (4:2) 'Z' Normal (0:0) 06/11/02 2100150010**

*Sire: *Andacht Shakespear A Z 2100117699 Dam: *Turnberry Super Impose A Z 2100101457 Bdr: Exh Exh: Reilly Miss LA*

Linebreeding: Turnberry Nicolette (3-3)

58mths 65.5cm. A, very large, strong, substantial beautifully coloured and well pigmented dog of very good type. Good length of neck. Good wither, slight dip behind firm back, slightly short and slightly steep croup. The upper arm while of good length should be slightly better angled, very good hindquarter angulation. Stands correct in front, with good fore and very good underchest development. Ideally I

would like to see the lower chest a little longer. Strong, expressive masculine head with very good eye colour and very good ear carriage. Steps correct both front and rear front with good firmness of joints. During movement shows very good ground covering gait with balanced hindquarter drive and forehand reach with very good back transmission. He impresses with his excellent colour and pigmentation and pronounced masculinity. Showed very good movement during the off lead exercise

Andacht Pedro has been awarded the Excellent Select grading in 2005, 2006 and presented a progeny group again at this Show. He is the grandson of Turnberry Stands Alone (Excellent Select 1998 MBE) and via his mother line carries Troy Noriswand (Sieger 2001 MBE) The group overall shows very good colouration and pigmentation and are of very good strength, ideally the withers could be carried slightly higher. Some restrictions in the length and lay of the croup and the length of lower chest. Suitable for bitches that require improvement in sex characteristics, colouration and pigmentation with some care to be exercised in the area of the length and lay of the croup and length of lower chest. Congratulations and well done on receiving the Excellent Select grading.

EXCELLENT 1

***EASTBANK UNBREAKABLE 'A' (1.5) 'Z' (0;0)** 24/03/05 3100148473

Sire: *Zandrac Perfect Crime A Z Hneg 3100032530 Dam: *Winbirra Elite A Z 3100012113 Bdr: Exh Exh: Thompson S & Mrs A
Linebreeding: Iwan Lechtal (2-2) Iniff Vagrant (3-3) Vasall Kirschtal (5-5,4)

30mths. 63.5cm. A just above medium size, medium strong, well proportioned, well constructed, masculine dog of very good type. Good wither, firm back, slight nick behind, slightly short and slightly steep croup. The upper arm could be longer and better angled, very good hindquarter angulation with strong powerful well developed thighs. Stands correct in front with good fore and very good underchest development. Particularly noteworthy is the very good underline. Steps correct at rear with good firmness of joints, correct in front with good firmness of elbows. During movement shows good ground covering gait with strong hindquarter drive and free forehand reach and very good back transmission Just at times he shows a tendency to carry his tail in an awkward manner. The close linebreeding on Iwan Lechtal (1998 Sieger) is evident especially in the area of the very good firmness of joints and ligamentation.

His mother Winbarra Elite (Vice Siegerin 2001) is a daughter of the past National Show Winner and Excellent Select San Rancho Cinnomon and Iwan Lechtal (Sieger 1998 MBE) and throughout his pedigree are a number of very well constructed and producing animals. Particularly noteworthy is the fact that he is of the correct size and is suitable for well coloured bitches that require improvement in firmness of joints and ligamentation. No further linebreeding on Iwan Lechtal or Iniff Vagrant is recommended.

EXCELLENT 2

***DENARGUN JABIRU 'A' (1.0) 'Z' Normal (0:0)** 19/08/04 3100140156

Sire: *Ch Aimsway Abacus A Z Hneg 2100096239 Dam: *Ch Denargun Mostly Moz A Z 3100032763 Bdr: Exh Exh: Ballantyne KJ
Linebreeding: Fedor Arminius (5-5) 'O' Litter Batu – Ora, Ossa (5-4)

36 months. 63cm. A medium sized, medium strong dog of very good proportions and of very good type. Good length of neck. Good wither, firm back, slightly short and slightly steep croup. The upper arm ideally should be longer and better angled, very good hindquarter angulation. Stands correct in front with good fore and lower chest development. Well constructed head of still good strength, desired dark eye colour and very good ear carriage. Steps correct in front, slightly narrow at rear whereby the hock joints should be firmer. During movement shows very good ground covering gait with strong hindquarter drive, whereby the forehand reach could be a little freer, and the ligamentation over the back should remain a fraction firmer.

Denargun Jabiru was Puppy Sieger at the 2005 MBE, and Intermediate 2 at the 2006 MBE. He is a son of Aimsway Abacus (Sieger 2005 MBE) and Denargun Mostly Moz (Excellent Select 8 2006 MBE) and mirrors his breeding It is pleasing to see his development since the 2005 MBE and to note his transition into the Open Class.

This dog is well known to me and I have watched with interest his development however it was a little disappointing that the animal was not presented at this show in the best of condition and should have been firmer and dryer overall.

Particularly noteworthy is the fact that he is of correct medium size, has a very well constructed pedigree containing a number of very well constructed and producing animals however care must be exercised in regards to the overall firmness of joints and ligamentation. I would hope that in the future he is presented in a much firmer and dryer condition.

EXCELLENT 3

***LASHADAS XHIBITIONIST 'A' (3:2) 'Z' Normal (0:0)** 08/09/05 6100043998

Sire: *Uras v Trafalga a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy) SZ 2116134 Dam: *Spellbinda Kellyspride A Z 3100096514 Bdr: Exh Exh : Hosking R & S
Linebreeding: Fedor Noriswand (5-5)

24 months. 65.0cm. A large, well proportioned, well constructed masculine of very good colour and pigmentation. Slightly short neck. Good wither, firm back, slight dip behind, well moulded croup which ideally could be a fraction longer. The upper arm is of very good length but should be still slightly better angled. Very good hindquarter angulation. Stands correct in front with good head and expression, very good eye colour and very good masking, and very good ear carriage. Steps slightly narrow at rear, correct in front, with very good firmness of both the elbows and hock joints. During movement shows good ground covering gait with strong hindquarter drive whereby the forehand reach could be a little freer. Slightly deep chest proportions. At times he could show himself with a little more expression and enthusiasm especially during the gaiting performance.

As a son of Uras Trafalga (Excellent 1 2006 MBE) and Spellbinda Kellyspride (Excellent Select 6 2007 MBE) has a very well constructed pedigree, and typifies his breeding. Suitable for bitches requiring improvement in sexual characteristics, and pigmentation. Some care to be exercised in regards to depth of chest proportions.

EXCELLENT 4

***BABENBERG CROC DUNDEE 'A' (0:0) 'Z' Normal (0:0)** 26/01/05 5100035355

Sire: *Rhosyn Kriskross A Z Hneg 5100009936 Dam: *Hagenstolz Youre A Ziggy A Z 3100042967 Bdr : Babenberg Kennels Exh : Babenberg & Tonaker Kennels

Linebreeding: Quincito Awol (5-4) Edlenblut Orkan (5-5)

32months. 64cm. Double P1 lower left. A medium size, medium strong, richly coloured, slightly elongated dog of very good type. Good length of neck. Good wither, slight dip behind, firm back, slightly short and slightly steep croup. Very good angulation of both the fore and hindquarter. Stands correct in front. Very good fore and underchest development. Good head and expression with dark eyes, ideally the ears could be just placed a little higher on the skull. Steps correct at rear with very good firmness of hock joints, slightly wide in front, where ideally the elbows should be firmer. During movement shows effortless ground covering gait, with good back transmission. However at times the hindquarter drive should be slightly more powerful. Ideally the coat could be just a little longer and more profuse. He is typical of his sire, Rhosyn Kriskross, and is suitable for strong, substantial bitches that require improvement in angulations.